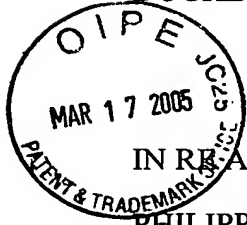


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 10/031,341 :

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FOR: METHOD FOR OPTICALLY
PUMPING A LIGHT-AMPLIFYING
MEDIUM AND OPTICAL PUMPING
MODULE FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS
METHOD :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the non-final office action of November 17, 2004, the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-32 are pending.

In the outstanding office action, Claims 13-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,619,522 ("Dube") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,978,407 ("Chang"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the grounds that